

YOUTH CAMP AS I SAW IT

By the Superintendent

Sixty-nine live, happy, bright young people enjoying ten days of wholesome fun and fellowship, social, recreational and spiritual—that was Beulah Youth Camp of '52. Coming from various sections of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine, with one young lady from Montreal, P. Q., and a visitor from Allentown, Pa., this year's Youth Campers made up one of the finest groups we have had since Youth Camp was founded.

The Youth Camp Committee, Revs. Conard Stairs, Ralph Ingersoll, and Walter Fernley, had engaged a competent staff and a capable evangelist-Bible teacher. Bro. Stairs, as Camp Supervisor, did excellent work, and was tireless in attending to the numberless duties which the Youth Camp director must care for. He organized the Camp programme to a high degree of efficiency and maintained splendid discipline with surprising ease. We are fortunate in having men like Bro. Stairs to direct this important phase of our denominational work. Bill LaPointe, song leader and boys' worker, gave good leadership in the recreational and musical field, guiding the boys at play and directing the music of the Camp in a lively, effective manner. Bill has been very popular in Youth Camp work both with the staff and the campers. Vesta Dunlop Mullen made a fine contribution to the Camp in directing the activities of the girls' group. Vesta's originality provided much variation for the Camp programme and her capable assistance in the social and recreational life of the Camp was an important factor.

Mrs. P. W. Briggs, camp mother, was a popular member of the staff. She was beloved by the young people and appreciated by all. Manifesting a motherly concern for her large "family", Sister Briggs was a real friend of the youth campers, giving the word of advice, encouragement and warning in timely fashion and good spirit.

Rev. Mel-Thomas Rothwell, Bible-teacher and evangelist, gave a most helpful ministry. He taught and preached on a level which young people could reach and appreciate. His ministry was indicative of a keen insight with the problems of young people and a Christian sympathy towards them. Dr. Rothwell was appreciated by young and old. His ministry was graciously blessed of the Spirit.

I was impressed with the balance of this year's Youth Camp programme. The young people were attentive and appreciative in class, enthusiastic and sportsmanlike in recreations, whole-hearted and responsive in the evangelistic meetings. At work, at play, and at worship, they were bright, zestful and eager. Many of them found Christ in saving and sanctifying power. There were some splendid conversions, a number finding Christ for the first time.

It was a fine Youth Camp. We won't have a better one—until next year!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

Let us have a letter from your Society as to activities, etc., as soon as possible.

"BEWARE OF DELILIAH"

In God's word we are told of a young man who had a promising start on a life that was designed by God to bring much honor and glory to His name, and to be a great factor in the work of the Kingdom. God had called him for a specific work, he made certain vows to God, and all was well until he met a young woman from the enemies ranks, who allured him with her beauty and false love. In time he became her devoted admirer, and not until it was too late did he realize he had been tricked by the adversary into a position impossible to escape from.

Sampson is not the only young person thus decoyed by the Devil into such a circumstance. There are people living to-day, now well along in years whom God had called in the days of their youth to either preach the gospel in the homeland, or to go as a missionary to a foreign field, and "Delilah" along the way has so woven a web about them that they have lost their power, and not only spoiled God's plan for their lives, but in many instances they backslid and life became disappointing to them and without point or meaning.

Any one who would try for selfish reasons to persuade an individual to ignore God's summons to a definite mission, is a "Delilah," an instrument of Satan to wreck that life that God has seen fit to honour with a call to go into the "vineyard and work". Sometimes "Delilah" will try to strike a compromise, and say it's alright to work for God, but certainly not in a far away land and under difficult circumstances, and here is where the enemy does "his or her" most deadly work. For if God makes it plain to a young man or woman that they are needed in a particular place, no bargaining with God will bring Him to our terms. He sometimes permits a second best, but it is never to His highest glory, or satisfactory to the party involved.

The writer personally knows a young lady who felt definitely called to mission work in India, but a young man, "not even a professed Christian", had other plans for her, and succeeded in getting her to settle down with him. Her life for years was a miserable failure; he took sick, she had to work hard to support him, pay doctor bills, and finally his funeral expenses. She has for the past several years been in the Lord's work, but it is only God's second best for her.

Another young lady, an evangelist, talented, and being used of God for the salvation of souls all over the country, was moved, and taken from her God called vocation, to become a doctor's wife; his strong argument being, "you could do so much good among my associates," but alas, her new worldly friends soon became too much for her, and she too was shorn of her power to witness for Christ.

Young people, don't be fooled into accepting anything less than the best God has for your lives. A marred vessel can never be used of God to the extent that an unbroken vessel can be used. The devil's plan is to so whittle us down that our lives will have hardly any resemblance of the plan God first mapped out for them. Remember, we must all appear before

God some day to give an account of our stewardship to Him.

Perhaps right now you feel the urge of God upon you to prepare for a special line of work that your boy friend or girl friend is not at all suited for, or have no call or inclination to do such work. Here is where you must be careful. Always give God the benefit of the doubt, if you feel you are not entirely in His will. Never be afraid to break a social tie for fear of making bad friends with a family. It's better to nip the friendship in the bud, and retain God's favour than to continue on in such a relationship and make a mess of your life. If God wants you on a mission field, He has a helpmate for you somewhere, with a definite call also; if not, He may see He can use you to better advantage as you are. Be sure at any rate, that God's will is being done, not your own, or someone else's.

If while you read these lines from the pen of one who is interested in the lives of young people, you find you have your head in "Delilah's" lap, Beware! A little from now may be too late.—Selected.

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Distribution as follows:

Bethany Bible College	\$700
Home Missions	150
Foreign Missions	150
D. V. B. S.	50
Children's Work	50
Other items	100

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TO ALL OUR CHURCHES

TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS

FOR

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

DENOMINATIONAL

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

AND THE THIRD ANNUAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

LET'S WORK FOR A

- Budget-Plus Home Mission Offering AND A
- Record-Breaking Sunday School Attendance.

Note: Changing the date of our denominational Sunday School Rally from the Spring to the Fall has been done at the request of a number of our pastors. The Sept. Rally will be the only denominational Rally of the year.